

Address
CONFIDENTIALITY
PROGRAM



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The Office of the Indiana Attorney General works to assist victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking by helping them return to normal, safe lives. One of the ways the attorney general's office does this is through the Address Confidentiality Program.

The Address Confidentiality Program allows individuals with protective orders who are victims of domestic violence to maintain a confidential address through the attorney general's office. It's not witness protection – nor is it a total guarantee of safety. It's simply one thing victims of domestic violence can do in order to help take their lives back. Many times, a confidential address is part of a larger, overall safety plan.

HOW IT WORKS

Participants in the program are assigned confidential addresses. Mail received at these confidential addresses is sent to the attorney general's office for processing. Then, first-class mail is forwarded on to the victims' actual homes. Through these steps, a great deal of safety can be achieved.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Only victims of domestic violence with protective orders in place are eligible for the Address Confidentiality Program. And all victims must be referred through a trained victim's advocate. The Address Confidentiality Program cannot accept applications directly from those wishing to join the program.

If those initial requirements are met, participation in the program may be offered to:

- Individuals at least 18 years of age or
- A parent or guardian acting on behalf of a minor or
- A guardian acting on behalf of an incapacitated person

In addition, individuals must:

- Have a valid protective order in place and
- Be a victim of domestic violence and
- Fear for their safety

HOW TO APPLY

Trained victim advocates are the only people who can refer domestic abuse victims to the program. However, those wishing to learn more about the program can call 1,800.321.1907 or email the Address Confidentiality Program at confidential@atg.state.in.us

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Address Confidentiality Program keeps all personal information private. However, the information must be released if it is requested by law enforcement officers. Private information may also be released by court order.

Participation in the program is not permanent. Participants must renew their status in the program every two years. Additionally, the addresses of victims in the program must be kept current with the attorney general's office.

For additional information, please call the attorney general's office at 1.800.321.1907.